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THE GRIM SIXTIES

President Eisenhower's second term of office expires in about three months and then a comparatively young man will lead the destiny of this great nation.

But whether he be Vice President Richard Nixon or Senator John F. Kennedy, the President alone will not be able to do the job which is needed if the United States is to remain secure and safe, and democracy supreme in our world.

The arrival of the momentous sixties imposes an obligation on every American to do his part in what is the tightest race for survival our country has ever faced. We are squarely up against a serious challenge — a challenge in military strength, and a challenge in fundamental economics.

Every thinking American should be willing to make a sacrifice in honor of our great cause. The crying need of today among all of us is for unity. We cannot stand divided. And the communists seek to divide us.

They would turn minority against majority, south against north, bloc against bloc, class against class. We in America have proven that minority groups enjoyed more benefits under the American system than any other in the world.

Each of us must be willing to place national unity and strength ahead of selfish aims and personal desires. Each of us must try to do his share in the contest between communism and democracy. We do not have long to make our contribution.

Therefore, let us all respect every American. Let us all respect every section of our country, and every religion. Lte us all pull together for America, and fight out differences within the greater framework of love of country, devotion to principle and duty — and personal considerations second, after our country's cause is served first.

DOG HERO

Hot Springs, Ark. — As she stepped from her car near Hot Springs, Mrs. J. D. McDowell heard the warning buzz of a rattlesnake.

Her pet dog leaped in front of her, and the snake buried its fangs in the dog's neck. Mrs. McDowell was uninjured, but the dog died before it could be taken to a veterinarian.

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BEAUTIFUL OCTOBER

October, now upon us, is thought by many to be the most beautiful month of the year. October was the eighth month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar, and that is where the 'Oct' comes from in October — meaning eighth.

In the United States, October brings the first really cold weather of Fall, produces a majestic panorama in the woods andforests of the nation and produces great sports events, with the midseason climaxes of the college football year.

It is the month in which Columbus landed in America, on October 12, 1492. The cornerstone of the White House was laid on October 13th 1792. A prize of $500 had been offered for a design for the White House, and James Hoban, an architect from Charleston, South Carolina, won the prize.

Of more current interest, October 14th is the birthday of President Eisenhower, and the month also contains the birthday anniversaries of several ex-Presidents, among them being John Adams, the second President of the United States, whose birthday falls on October 19, Chester Arthur, the 21st President of the United States, who was born October 5th, and Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th President of the United States, who was born October 4th.

Hallowe'en, which falls on the last day of the month, had its beginning long before thedawn of the Christian Era, Today, however, Hallowe'en is not a mysterious mystic observance, and has little religious significance.

THE LATEST TIMETABLE

The latest timetable, measuring United States' chances for survival in the race with the communist world, have been quietly outlined in a joint Army-civilian study.

The results of the study, and the outlook for the next few years, is being explained in meetings of prominent Americans in all parts of the country. In brief, the estimate is grim. It is that, unless the United States changes its ways, recognizes the force which is confronting, and challenging it today, it has only approximately seven years of grace left.

This estimate, of course, could be wrong, or it could err on either side.

But the vital thing which every thinking American must keep in mind is that it could be right.

Certainly this means that we should redouble our efforts in defense, and that we should reconsider the expenditure of huge sums of money for various purposes, not calculated to strengthen the United States. Our great nation may be at a crossroads, and let it not be said of our generation that we risked our tremendous heritage and way of life.

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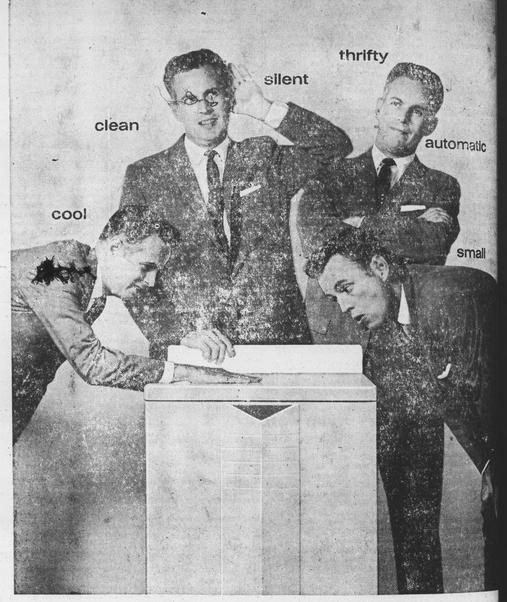

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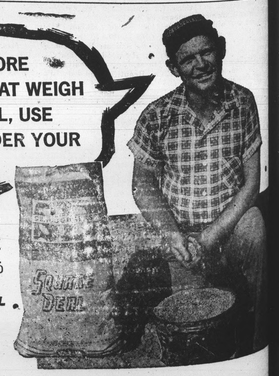

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